

U.S. Army Col. Philip Battaglia the Commander of 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division greets The U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Ryan Crocker as he arrives in As Samawah, Iraq. He and his Staff are on a tour of Muthanna Province. Jan. 10, 2009



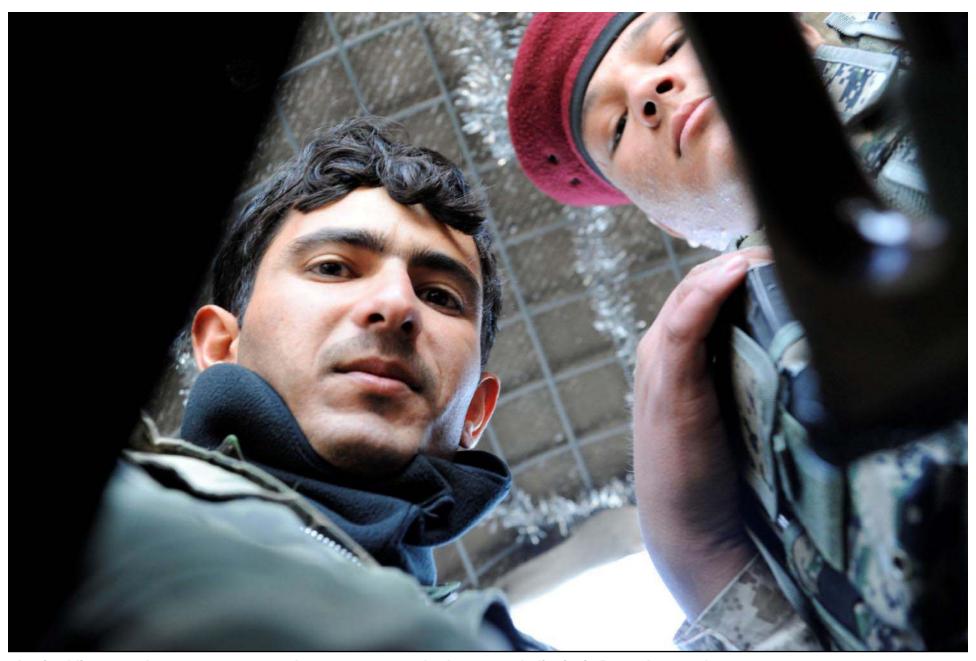
The U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Ryan Crocker and his staff are shown Iraqi hospitality in a traditional reed meeting house called a mudhif. The Ambassador is on a tour of Muthanna province, Iraq. Jan. 10, 2009.



Iraqi children from the Atnannumah district in Basra, Iraq, play in the streets on Jan. 13, 2009.



An Iraqi soldier spends time with the local children of the Atnannumah district in Basra, Iraq on Jan. 13, 2009.



Iraqi soldiers man the gun turret on a road movement out to the Atnannumah district in Basra, Iraq, on Jan. 13, 2009.



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U.S. Army 1st Lt. Caldwell, with the 3rd Platoon, 21st Military Police Company, from Fort Bragg, N.C., patrols the streets in Al Amnal district in Basra, Iraq, on Jan. 14, 2009.



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